RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the special officer could hold a preliminary enquiry in that manner under the Regulation.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, if the enquiry is an open one, why the report is confidential?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said that the witnesses were examiued *in camera*.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether anybody was allowed to be cross-examined?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. PUTUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know, whether, after the submission of the report, the officers concerned against whom charges were framed were subsequently brought to the notice of Government and their explanation obtained?

PRESIDENT: The report is confidential and the Government are considering it.

Firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon.

179. ✱**MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date when they received the report of the Committee appointed by Muslims to enquire into the firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon;

(*b*) the date when they received the report of the Special Officer appointed by Government to enquire into the same firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon;

(*c*) whether they have taken any action on the above reports;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken by them;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reason why they have not taken any action as yet; and

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to place on the table copies of the reports submitted to Government by the Special Officer as well as the Muslim Non-official Committee regarding the firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 3rd October 1934.

(*b*) 5th December 1934.

(*c*) The report is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) and (*e*). In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

(*f*) A copy of the report received from the Muslim Non-official Committee is available for reference in the office. Mr. Ramachandra Rao's report is a confidential document.

Waiting list of clerks in the Forest Department.

180. ✱ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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